

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
MENGNING XIAO,

Plaintiff,

-against-

ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, in his official  
capacity as the Secretary of the U.S. Department of  
Homeland Security; UR M. JADDOU, in her  
official capacity as the Director of the United States  
Citizenship and Immigration Services; SUSAN  
QUINTANA, in her official capacity as the Director  
of the New York Field Office of the United States  
Citizenship and Immigration Services,

Defendants.

ANALISA TORRES, District Judge:

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**ORDER**

To protect the public health, while promoting the “just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding,” Fed. R. Civ. P. 1, it is ORDERED pursuant to Rules 30(b)(3) and 30(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that all depositions in this action may be taken via telephone, videoconference, or other remote means. It is further ORDERED pursuant to Rule 30(b)(5) that a deposition will be deemed to have taken place “before an officer appointed or designated under Rule 28” if such officer attends the deposition using the same remote means used to connect all other participants, so long as all participants (including the officer) can clearly hear and be heard by all other participants. The parties are encouraged to engage in discovery through remote means at every available opportunity.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 15, 2023  
New York, New York



ANALISA TORRES  
United States District Judge